

# Angels



## Nature of Angels

- Heavenly beings created by Allah - made of light.
- Lots of different angels with different roles.
- Tell Allah the behaviour of humans.
- Do not have physical needs e.g. water, food, sleep.
- Completely pure and have no free will.
- Invisible but will show themselves on special occasions.

## Role of Angels

### Jibril (Gabriel)

- Delivered Allah's messages.
- Revealed the Qur'an to Muhammad.
- A bridge between Allah and humans.

### Mikail (Michael)

- Giver of rain which waters the land & helps food grow.
- Guard places of worship & reward good deeds.

### Israfael (Raphael) - blows the trumpet on judgement day.

Malak al Maut - angel of death takes the soul from the body.

Munkar & Naakeer - test people & their faith in their graves.



## Predestination

Predestination - the idea that everything that happens is known by Allah.

- Supremacy of Allah's will: Muslims have to accept bad things as well as good.

## Sunni Islam

- Allah has everything written in a 'book of decrees'.
- Allah created all things and the actions of his creatures.
- God has a set plan for everyone - God's perfect knowledge.

## Shi'a Islam

- God's knows everything that is going to happen, but does not mean he decides what is going to happen.
- God can see people's choices as he is not restricted by time.

# ISLAM BELIEFS



## Life After Death

### Paradise (Jannah)

- Live in a state of joy.
- Descriptions include - white, jewels, precious stones, food, flowing rivers of milk & honey.
- People will be united with members of their family.

## Day of Judgement

- Allah will resurrect all people who have died & everyone will be judged on their actions.
- Only Allah knows when this day will be.
- Muslim's enter a state of waiting 'barzakh' after death.

### Hell (Jahannam)

- Place of physical & mental suffering.
- Place of burning fire & boiling water.
- Some parts of the Qur'an talk of seven levels of hell - depending on the seriousness of sins.



## Impact of these beliefs

- All humans will be judged on how they live their life.
- Allah will balance the good deeds against bad deeds & decide whether they go to paradise or hell.
- Everyone will be accountable for their actions so justice will be given.